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Don Randolph Randolph Mining 24337 County Road N Cortez, Colorado 81321-8816

Subject: Reclamation Requirements, Randolph Mining, Dusty Mine, S0370063, San Juan

County, Utah

Dear Mr. Randolph:

According to the Division's records, the Dusty Mine has been inactive since 1989, about 20 years. Rule R647-3-113.5 states in part:

> Reclamation of a small mining operation may be required after five (5) years of continued suspension. The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the Board prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.

Since you have not appealed to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for an extended period of inactivity, the Division is obligated to require complete reclamation of the site.

The Division and the BLM conducted a site inspection on June 3, 2009 and found that the portal was open and needs to be sealed. The rest of the site appeared stable and will require no additional work.

Reclamation, including sealing the portal and seeding any areas associated with that work, must be completed by October 15, 2009. Failure to finish reclamation within this time period may result in enforcement action. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may request a formal hearing before the Board (R647-5-101.1).

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Questions about this letter can be directed to me at (801) 538-5261 or Wayne Western at (801) 538-5263. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

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